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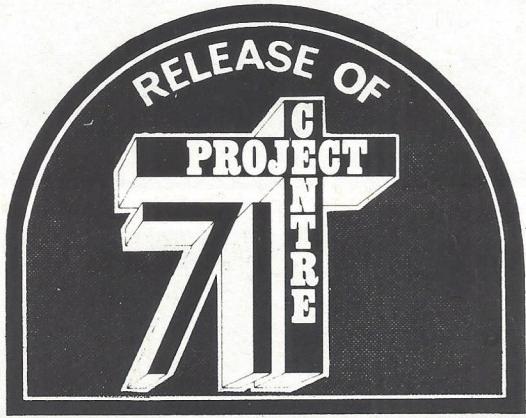
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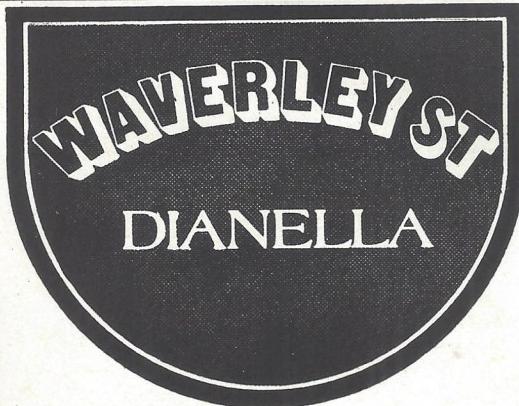




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Re—"My Last Term"

The president of the W.A. Soccer Federation, Mr Julius C. Re, will not seek re-appointment at the close of his current term of office, which is due to expire in October.

Mr Re announced this at a meeting of W.A.S.F. club delegates last month after another move to force his resignation.

"It is obvious that you want to get rid of me," Mr Re said. "Last year at this time, I resigned, but I was asked to come back by 28 votes to two, to finish two things I wanted to do."

"This was to get the office in order and to get a social club going. The office is now in order and as from tomorrow I will have nothing more to do with it and I will no longer receive anything from the federation."

"I want to go back to a club and enjoy soccer again. For the rest of the term I will just be chairman."

"I will have nine months to build a social club. Is this too much to ask, gentlemen? Let us get on with the game."

Later, when he closed the meeting, Mr Re said he realised he had made some good and some bad decisions.

However, he had always tried to do what was best for the game.

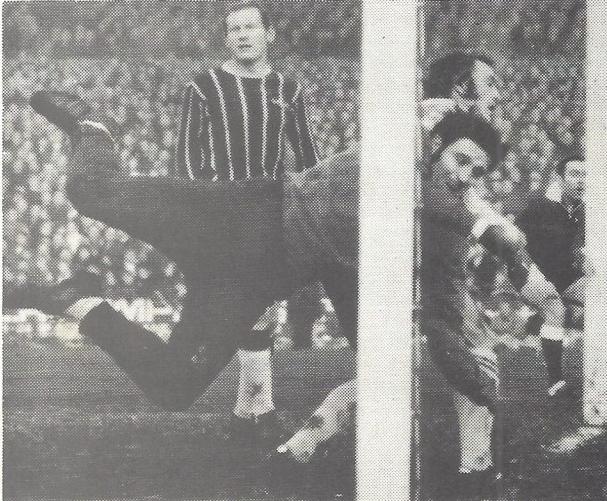
"I hope that you will give Mr Fred Axon (the newly-appointed full-time secretary) the support you did not give me," he said.

Mr Re also called for support to establish a social club. Licensed premises would bring money to the game.

"Contrary to what is being said, you have a good board," he said. "They are not 'yes men'—they are all capable men."

"It has been a rotten twelve months. I hope the next nine months are better."

For more on the club delegates' meeting turn to page four: "As I Saw It."



Crystal Palace goalkeeper John Jackson flies during a goal-mouth tussle for the ball with Chelsea forward Tommy Baldwin during their F.A. Cup clash. The match was drawn 2-2, but Chelsea won the replay. Chelsea was later knocked out of the competition by Manchester City (3-0), the European Cup Winners' Cup holders.

ANOTHER 1,000 TO PELE

Brazil's king of soccer, Pele, has put another 1,000 behind him. Last year, Pele scored his 1,000th goal and this time, he played his 1,000th match.

He made his 1,000th match appearance in Paramaribo, the capital of Surinam (formerly Dutch Guiana), when he led his club Santos to a 4-1 win over local team Transvaal at the end of last month.

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the club delegates' meeting

AS I SAW IT!

The club delegates' meeting last month, like the preceding two-pronged annual general meeting of the W.A. Soccer Federation, was a shambles. An unforgivable amount of time was wasted.

However, some important issues were resolved, but the differences between some clubs and the President, Mr Julius Re, were only patched slightly through a series of compromises.

Earlier in the year, these differences threatened to split the W.A.S.F. right down the middle. At the close of the delegates' meeting, there were still rumblings among some clubs who were planning to try to call an extraordinary meeting of club secretaries in an attempt to force Mr Re's resignation.

However, a statement by Mr Re that his current term as president would be his last seemed to have avoided this.

Most of the meeting revolved around the minutes of the annual general meeting. The events as they took place are too long winded to write-up here—a summary is enough.

Delegates were adamant that they would not accept the minutes as they had stood because they claimed that some of the motions that were listed as having been passed, had been defeated.

Twelve clubs signed a statement that they had voted against the motions at the meeting and that it was, therefore, impossible for the required two-thirds majority (18 votes) to have been gained. The clubs protested against the incorrectness of the minutes and wanted them amended accordingly.

Mr Re said that after one motion at the A.G.M. had been passed by 18 votes, it was assumed that all preceding motions with 18 votes had also been passed. He had talked to several people after the meeting to check on the voting and to make sure of his facts before the motions were put into the minutes as passed. As far as he was concerned there were 17 votes plus one from the board, he said.

After a rowdy debate, with several accusations made, the meeting agreed to amend the minutes. This means that a number of motions, including one on higher affiliation fees, that were shown as passed are now shown as having been defeated.

The most important decision of the meeting was the composition of the league competitions for 1971.

The clubs again showed their strength when they decided on one league of 12 teams and the second division of 14 teams. The W.A.S.F. council had recommended two leagues of 12 teams each.

At first it seemed that the clubs were going to go along with the recommendation, but they were swayed by emotion-filled speeches from representatives of the Maccabi club, which would have been kicked out of the W.A.S.F. to play in the Sunday amateur competition.

Maccabi said it was one of the oldest clubs in the State and it had its own ground—a rare situation in W.A. soccer. The representatives admitted that they had had a bad year in 1970. They said this had been caused by a policy of only allowing Jewish players to play with the club. However, this policy had been changed and they would be able to field the required two sides in 1971, as well as many junior teams.

They said they believed it was not fair to allow Rockingham United, a new club that had not proved itself, into the W.A.S.F. at the expense of Maccabi, an old, loyal club.

A representative of Macedonia United, an amateur league club that was one of several applications for admissions to the W.A.S.F., said there was no reason why the second division could not be made up of 14 teams.

They had the backing of the strong Macedonian

community and had proved themselves in the amateur competition.

W.A.S.F. vice-president Barry Greenwood said the council had spent many hours discussing ways of improving soccer in W.A. They believed two leagues of 12 would be best for the game.

Clubs that were not admitted to the W.A.S.F. could play in the amateur league and if they proved themselves and were financially sound, there was no reason why they could not be admitted next year.

The delegates voted to make the second division a 14-team competition.

Barry Greenwood
A special council meeting after the delegates' meeting considered all applications for admission to the W.A.S.F. and then decided that Maccabi and Macedonia United would be admitted to fill the extra two positions created.

Personally, I believe that having a first division of 12 teams is not a good move. I would have liked to have seen a tighter competition of eight teams eventually.

This could not have been done in one year because it would have been unfair to suddenly drop two teams. However, the ten could have remained this season, with the three bottom teams being due for relegation at the end of the season. These three and the winner of the second division could have played off for the eighth position for the following year. Thereafter it could have been a system of one up and one down.

Eventually there could have been eight in the first division, eight in the second and ten in the third to make up the 26 clubs in the W.A.S.F. Promotion and relegation between the second and third divisions should be two up and two down each season.

Three rounds could have been played to give the lower divisions more matches.

Twelve teams in the first division will mean that most of the matches will be one-sided because some clubs do not deserve a place in the competition. Eight teams would have meant that spectators would have had even matches nearly every week.

Still, this is only a personal opinion and the council would have considered this before they made the recommendation of a 12-team division.



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Kosice's Tour

The Slovak team VSS Kosice came to W.A. and went leaving behind them a 2-0 victory against the State side.

In 1970, we opened the year with a 2-2 draw against the West German Berlin District team Hertha 03. While we missed out on a similar result to start 1971, the State side's performance was better in many ways than any matches played in 1970.

Good running and fighting for possession by all players marked the pattern of play and it would seem that many players matured in their approach, not being scared to take on responsibility. The spirit instilled into W.A. by new coach John Adshead was noticeable and, with a bit of luck, the score could have gone our way. But in the final analysis, Kosice was a skilful, professional side who as the match wore on, became a classic footballing side.

Their two goals had an element of luck attached to them, though Jaroslav Pollak's second goal was well taken, even though full-back Tommy Carruthers should have prevented the cross that created the opportunity.

VSS Kosice's coach Joe Venglos said that his team had been without strong match practise for two months and that they had left bitterly cold conditions to play in hot weather and this didn't allow for his players producing their best. A valid argument, but one we could match in that our boys had not played for some two months and after all W.A. was well below the standard attained by the visitors.

However, one item that we are more used to is the small Velodrome pitch, which is surrounded by the cycling wall. This wall distracts players considerably when they are not used to it. Suddenly a player sees it loom in front of his eyes out of the murky gloom of the Velodrome lights, he

baulks, loses concentration and the ball.

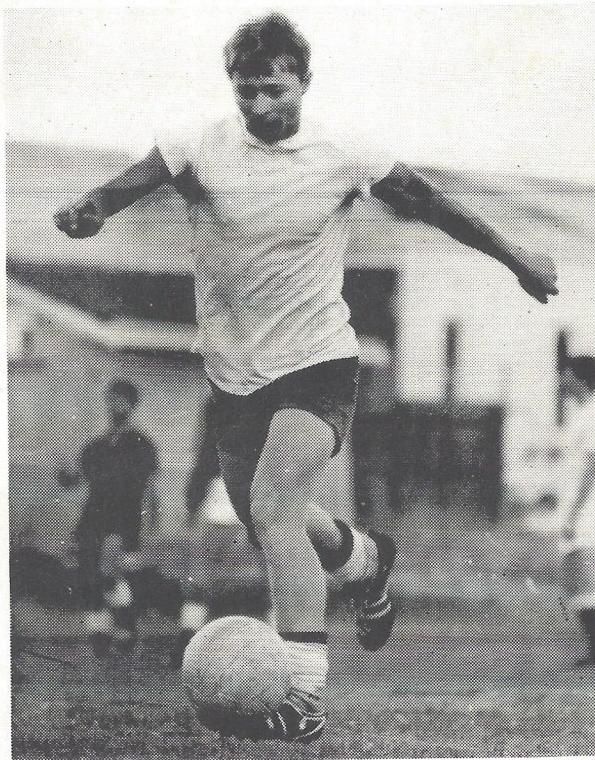
After meeting W.A., Kosice played South Australia and had another tough encounter but managed to run out winners 1-0.

Then in Victoria came their big victory as they thrashed 5-1 a Victorian side that had not trained together.

In Sydney they played the organisers of the tour, Prague. Once again against good opposition they won 2-1. Against another Sydney team, Pan Hellenic, Kosice had to overcome a goal deficit before dominating the second-half to win 3-1.

A great tour with some great players such as Pollak, full-back Jan Pivarnik (a future World star), the veteran Josef Bomba, the gaunt goalkeeper Anton Svajlen, who was almost impossible to pass, and a fearsome striker in the making in Frantisek Hoholko.

Mulvaney in S.A.



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How many fans remember the name Trevor Mulvaney? For those who do, you will remember that he is the only player outside the metropolitan area to be selected in a W.A. side.

After his performances in the country carnivals, more than once, and from good reports of his ability with the Geraldton team La Fiamma, a number of Perth clubs expressed interest in his services. Cracovia was one who almost snared him, but a trip to England for a few months saw him drop from the scene.

Mulvaney showed tremendous potential and was a match winner for the combined Geraldton team when they overwhelmed Collie 10-0 in the 1967 final of the country carnival. He possessed a fast turn of speed, a tenacity to fight for possession and a good body swerve allied with ball control. Harder training would have improved his abilities no end and there is no telling how well he might have done in Perth.

But we will have a chance to see how well he will go in top soccer because he has signed with the Adelaide team Elizabeth City. He has been waiting for a game, but his clearance had not been finalised at the time of writing.

McKay transfer

The Australian midfield player Jimmy McKay, who gave some brilliant performances in the national side's tour of the world last year, is seeking a transfer to St. George-Budapest in Sydney. However, his Melbourne club Croatia is demanding \$11,000, while St. George is prepared to pay \$6,000. It looks like there is still a lot of bargaining to do.

Transfer fees are getting higher in Sydney, making W.A.'s fees pale in comparison.

The Adelaide player Johnny Perin is keen to leave Juventus to play with Apia and the latter was prepared to pay \$11,000 for him. However, Apia's suggested two-instalment payment plan was rejected out of hand by Juventus. Could it be that the clubs don't trust each other?

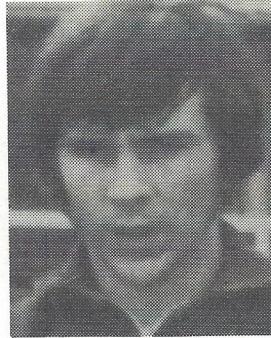
Apia's offer to pay \$11,000 for Perin doesn't make Tricolore's job of getting a reduction in the \$2,000 fee on midfielder Keith Gibson (formerly Apia), look any easier.

One of the biggest fees being asked for is Apia's \$15,000 on Ernie Campbell. Campbell is still negotiating his new contract and club officials say his requests are excessive. To prevent any thought of playing elsewhere a high figure, which no-one can pay in part-time professional Australia, is being placed on his head.

Western Suburbs has captured stopper George Kinnell from Melbourne's Juventus. Kinnell is a former Stoke City and Sunderland player and a cousin of the famous Scottish player Jimmy Baxter. Stoke paid £25,000 for him and Sunderland, who made him team captain, a further £30,000 for his services. Kinnell was in Perth last year with Juventus when they played in a tournament with Azzurri, Cracovia and Bayswater United.



Kinnell



McColl

McCOLL IN RHODESIA

Tommy McColl, who at one time was regarded as the biggest shining light in the future of Australian soccer, is likely to be lost to the game in this country for good.

McColl, a former South Australian star who transferred to Juventus of Melbourne for one of the highest transfer figures in South Australian history, is now living in Rhodesia. He has told his club and the Australian authorities that he will live in Rhodesia indefinitely and is prepared to give up playing

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soccer if Juventus don't clear him.

McColl has been a problem boy in his time and just when everyone was tipping him as one of the best players to pull on a shirt for his country, he unaccountably lost interest and form.

Whether he will stick by his guns and give the game away is still to be answered, but it is certain that a club like Juventus is unlikely to let one of their star players just wander off without some compensation.

Perth fans had an opportunity to watch McColl's skills early last year, when Juventus competed in a four-round tournament with Bayswater United, Azzurri and Cracovia. Juventus won the tournament, but not before Cracovia had given a tremendous performance, with a solid display of defence to restrict the skilful visitors 1-0.

A special trophy was awarded to Bayswater United's Alfred Debono after he had tied with McColl and then won it on a flip of a coin. But McColl had the satisfaction of knowing that his first-time hook shot produced the goal that beat Cracovia in the dying minutes of a memorable match.

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W.A's Merdeka Dream Gets Shattered

"I'm certain the Australian team would be interested in competing in the Merdeka tournament if a way could be found not to disrupt the Sydney first division competition," said A.S.F. secretary Brian LeFevre in a telephone interview from Sydney last week.

Mr LeFevre was commenting on news that W.A. would no longer get invited to Asia's most prestigious tournament—news that shattered W.A.'s dream of grandeur in Asia.

There had been a feeling in the air that W.A. would not be invited and that Australia would fill the gap. However, Iran received the invitation.

"And why not," asked Mr LeFevre. "After all, they are a member of the Asian Confederation."

It is interesting to note that Iran has indicated that they want Australia included in the Asian Games and, therefore, it might not be too long before a Merdeka call might go out to the A.S.F. But the real obstacle to acceptance of such an invitation remains, as it always has, with the clubs that make up the N.S.W.

Federation, in particular, and Victoria to a lesser extent.

Competition in Sydney is a cut-throat business and thousands of dollars are involved. Clubs outlay considerable amounts to acquire a team capable of winning the various tournaments.

While W.A. has been willing to break their competition at home for the sake of overseas experience (and this has had an adverse effect on our promotion of the league competition), the East is not prepared to sacrifice their efforts.

"Some teams have to furnish a considerable number of players to the national team and State squads," said Mr LeFevre.

"On top of this many visiting club teams fly through Sydney and this further eats into club commitments. Players are called upon more and more to satisfy the ever-growing demand for this type of match—because they are part-timers, this continual grind is bound to become wearing and affect them in club games."

Mr LeFevre is all for Australia's participation in the Merdeka, if such an invitation should be offered to the

A.S.F., and suggested that national selection could be spread more evenly than at present.

"Why not take only one player from clubs so that the load is shared among the States and one club cannot be said to suffer?" he said. "I'm sure that Australia could present a powerful combination this way and at the same time placate local clubs."

Such a team would not have the same strength as one that included the nation's best players. There would be many problems to overcome, such as player compatibility, which would be hard to achieve because there would not be constant training under one man.

Mr LeFevre has pointed out the obstacles to national team selection and a compromise must be found if Australia is to take advantage of major tournaments within its sphere of influence.

One answer could be professionalism, though here again clubs kick up if their charges are over-used. One has only to look at the problem in England, where Sir Alf Ramsay has expressed dissatisfaction because certain clubs do not co-operate in strengthening the England side, being loathe to release players for national duty.

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coaching comment

by former State coach DOUG STEWART

The preparation of senior State squads must undergo a radical change if we are to achieve any measure of success in interstate or overseas competition.

Preparation of senior squads in W.A. has always been hurried or without thoughtful preparation. At best, the approach has been haphazard. The blame for this can be shared between the senior State coach and the ruling body of soccer in this State 'the board.'

In the early part of 'Federation', and for that matter all the period of 'the Association', the State coach was solely to blame for this situation. State coaches coached only on the lines they themselves were coached. 'What was good for me is good enough for you' was the attitude.

This, of course, resulted in unprepared squads and the inevitable drubbing which always followed. While the rest of the world and Australia improved by incorporating new training methods, we in the West were quite complacent and satisfied to continue with our archaic system.

In the last few years of 'Federation', however, this situation took a decided turn for the better. Coaches became more inquiring and were prepared to put a lot more into the job besides training players on the grounds. Certificated courses were attended and the other side of coaching, which had been thoroughly neglected, physiology and psychology etc., were studied. Today there are better prepared coaches to tackle the job. We now have in Perth six coaches with the full Australian Senior Coaches Badge. We also have our Preliminaries and our Advanced Coaches. Many more will be taking the courses offered by the Westralian Coaches Body.

This improvement in coaching however has not fully penetrated the hallowed walls of 'the Velodrome'. A Concession has been made by 'the Board'. The Westralian Coaches will now select all coaching appointments EXCEPT the position of Senior State Coach. The Board still jealously guards the right to control the senior coach even though there is a body better qualified to do this. In every state of Australia, the coaching body of the State recommends coaches for State appointments. Not so in W.A. We had the situation in W.A. this year where four senior badge holders were bypassed for the senior coaching position. This was due to a short-sighted policy and a lack of knowledge of coaching by 'the board'! The selection of the senior State Coach should be handed over to a body whose job is coaching.

To be successful, a training plan must cover all aspects of a player's life, because the aim must be for the highest level of physiological, psychological and technical fitness. Top performance demands careful and detailed planning. This the State and clubs have not been able to comprehend. They want instant success.

Any coach throughout the world in any field of sport who has had any measure of success, will tell you that there is no short cut to training - no substitute for hard work - not such a thing as an instant champion.

Players themselves must be prepared to adjust their way of life if they wish to embark on the championship trail and make sacrifices to this end. We have here in Perth many youngsters who are prepared to make these sacrifices. We also

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have coaches who are prepared to give more to the game. The ones who are lagging behind are the clubs and 'the federation'. The West Australian Referees body are another organization who have seen the necessity to improve themselves to improve the standard of the game. They run courses for their members and are always ready to help clubs, junior and senior, whenever requested to do so.

Without intelligent planning, patients and perseverance, we will be destined to move in a whirlpool of mediocrity for many years.

The loss of 'Merdeka' has been a blessing in disguise. W.A. were way out of their depth in such a tournament. No good ever came of it. More was lost than gained by such a venture.

The Indonesian Anniversary tournament, however, is a totally different story. W.A. has everything to gain and nothing to lose. We will be taking part in a competition closer to our own level, we will be able to send our strongest available team, several of the present State squad members have already played at Djakarta and know what is in store for them, and the cost of sending the team will be less. Consideration must be given to diet, climate, players recuperative powers and family commitments among other factors. With careful planning and selection of the right type of player to meet all these conditions, Western Australia can reach the semi-finals and, with a bit of luck, the final.

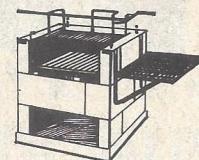
The way ahead is for a policy of planning, patience and perseverance, laid down by people in the know and accepted by clubs and the State alike.

Juventus to play in Perth

Melbourne's Juventus will compete in a four-club tournament in Perth on March 19 and March 21. The popularity of Melbourne's top side in a similar tournament last year made the newly-promoted Bayswater United decide to arrange a similar visit. Last year Juventus beat Cracovia 1-0 in an exciting final. This year the three local teams to play in the tournament will be Bayswater, Azzurri and Tricolore.

Details have not been finalised, but the first round is expected to be played under floodlights at the Velodrome on March 19 and the finals at Bayswater Oval on March 21.

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Now that we have lost the Merdeka tournament, (if only temporarily), these matches assume a more important aspect for us and must be encouraged, even if we make little out of the ventures.

Money is important to soccer's cause, but publicity is just as vital and tours by overseas teams force the mass media to look on soccer with above-average interest.

This year we have already had a visit from the Czechoslovakian first division club VSS Kosice and while W.A. lost 0-2, the State side performed well.

Two weeks ago, we could have entertained the Hungarian first division team Csepel, but lack of co-operation or interest from clubs in the Eastern States, made the team's tour to Australia an expensive proposition for only one game.

Other overseas clubs have expressed an interest to play in Perth, one of them being the Argentinian side, Atlanta. However, it seems unlikely that W.A. will be able to accommodate them unless a later date can be arranged because it would have been about the time of the Moscow Dynamo visit.

Any thoughts of a cancellation of the English F.A. Eleven making a tour throughout Australia in May and June was scotched by A.S.F. secretary Brian LeFevre recently. In a telephone conversation with SOCCER SCENE, he said that a report had been garbled. When English manager Sir Alf Ramsay said he was not getting the players he wanted from unco-operative clubs, he thought the tour

would be a waste of time. "However there was no mention of cancelling the tour," said LeFevre.

In fact we may see some of the super stars of the past and present with liberal sprinkling of the stars of the future. The English tour is as follows: Versus N.S.W. (Sydney) May 30, V. Newcastle June 2, V Victoria (Melbourne) June 6, V Australia (Sydney) June 12, V Queensland (Brisbane) June 14, V South Australia (Adelaide) June 23, V W.A. (Perth) June 27.

Plans are also well advanced for a visit here by the Dutch first division side Sparta Rotterdam sometime in April or May. We have never had a Dutch side in W.A., and on their recent rise in world standards, such a tour should be a smash hit.

Then we still have a verbal invitation from the Indonesians to compete once more in their Anniversary Cup, which should take place sometime in June or July. A full strength side from W.A. could do well if last year's results are taken into consideration.

Apart from these, Bayswater United is again negotiating to bring the Melbourne first division side Juventus to play in Perth.

Kiev's 20th Birthday

Kiev is celebrating its 20th, birthday with probably more controversy than ever before in its history. Despite what has happened, the club is determined to do well this year. The new goalkeeper is Michael Palmer who played for Bury Town in Norwich, England, and he is expected to play a big part in the quest for higher honours. According to a club official, his club sought an £8,000 sterling transfer fee for Palmer last season when he wanted to join another English club. Palmer got a knee injury early in the season and this needed several stitches, upsetting his training. It could be some time yet before supporters see him at his best. Others to join Kiev for '71 include Keith Tomas, from Azzurri, Len Dundo from Swan Valley and veteran Gill Nobbs from Cracovia. To mark its 20th year, Kiev has arranged a match on March 6 at Inglewood against Macedonia United, which makes its debut in the W.A.S.F. this year.

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Best's hearing

A game of table soccer in one of London's leading hotels last week was a vital factor in the clearing of a caution brought against the beatle of the soccer arena, Manchester United's mercurial winger George Best.

Best, who lives up to his name on the field, has become the centre of his own alter ego, the disturbed genius of the turf and a man who, like many before him, has found the glare of the spotlight and the resultant fame hard to combat.

Having come from modest beginnings, the money and adoration heaped upon him has created a tug of war with his nerves to the extent that he has blown a fuse on the field a number of times this season. Friction with his own club and the resultant suspension for a few weeks was the final chapter in his wayward passage.

A long father-to-son talk with manager Matt Busby — who came down from the lofty general managership to once again guide the Red Devils — produced an armistice in the battle. Best will now get down to playing the game and helping to revive Manchester United's flagging fortunes.

But before he could be completely cleared of all trouble, he had to overcome a caution placed on him after a tackle that resulted in a broken leg for Manchester City defender Glyn Pardoe on December 12.

The table soccer game proved to the disciplinary board's satisfaction that the incident was no more than an accident, in which both players challenged hard for a 50-50 ball. A film of the match was also shown. This substantiated Best's claim, and evidence from a number of witnesses helped clear Best and the caution was withdrawn.

If the caution had stood, then there would have been a good chance that Best would be banned from the game for a long time. He had already received two cautions for other infringements.

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MANY NEW PLAYERS IN W.A. SIDE

For the second time in 12 months, W.A. will clash with one of the world's most distinguished teams, Moscow Dynamo.

This is the first time that any team has made a repeat visit to Australia, and it has come from a club not renown for visiting countries twice, especially in such a short space of time.

But with hard promoting, N.L.T. Enterprises, of Sydney, persuaded Dynamo to revisit Australia and used support of the Lewisham Sports Medical Foundation Fund as the lure. In Russia, there is a deep interest in sports medicine because of a respect for the well-being of the body.

Also there was the desire to play N.S.W. once more after the two had played to a memorable 3-3 draw. With only 15 minutes of the match remaining N.S.W. held a 3-1 lead.

W.A. suffered a 5-0 defeat at the hands of Moscow Dynamo, but not before they had given a good account of themselves for 65 minutes of the game, in which neither side scored.

This should be golden opportunity to discover whether W.A.'s soccer has improved in the intervening months. Since the last visit W.A. has performed well in most of their international matches.

Against the Slavakian side VSS Kosice last month, W.A. gave an impressive display even though they finally lost 0-2 against classy opposition.

But a quick look at the State team that last took the field against Moscow will show little resemblance to the one that will walk out on the field this visit.

Last year's squad was goalkeepers: Peter Mitchell, Pipo Criro, Jaroslav Klimak; defenders: Tommy Carruthers, Richard Kuzimski, John Miller, Alex Senjushenko, Eric Edmonds, Gary Matlejan; midfielders: Bruno Marocchi, Archie Van Dongen, Alfred Debono, Denis Yeomans; forwards: John Van Oosten, Peter Holt, Zyggy Olschok, Stan Bartley, Jim Logan.

Of that squad of 18, only six remain in the squad. They are Klimak, Carruthers, Edmonds, Marocchi, Van Dongen and Van Oosten. Of the others, Mitchell, Criro, Miller, Mateljan, Debono, Yeomans, Holt, Olschok, Bartley and Logan have not been considered.

Added to these changes is a change in coach, with former Exeter City Coach John Adshead replacing former Australian and State player Doug Stewart.

So comparison with last year's team will be unbalanced and will not be helped by the fact that the game is being played at Perry Lakes Stadium instead of the Claremont Showgrounds of last year's clash. It will also be played in daylight, instead of at night under floodlights, and consequently in hotter conditions.

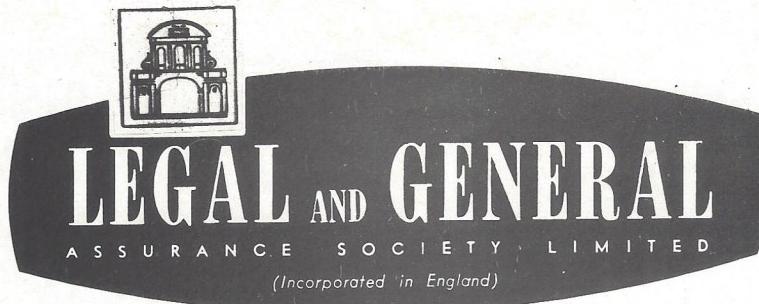
The squad chosen for today's match has the makings of one of the best this State has had despite the obvious omissions of such players as Bobby Hynd and Carruthers, both unavailable because of broken legs. Hynd scored W.A.'s goal in the State's 1-1 draw with the English first division side Manchester City last year, while Carruthers constantly made the best players list in virtually all State encounters, including the Merdeka tournament.

However, with John Van Oosten, Ray Ilott, John Davidson, Len Dundo and Dave O'Callaghan, to name a few, W.A. appears to have mobility to penetrate the rock-solid Moscow defence. In midfield we seem to be well served by such players as Archie Van Dongen, Bruno Marocchi, Keith Gibson and Dieter Golli.

In defence Hugh Miller is fast proving a tough opponent to shake.

It is hard to imagine anyone better suited to the position of goalkeeper in such a big match as Owen Nutridge. His performance against Manchester City will go down as one of the big success stories in W.A. soccer history.

What W.A. can do against the super-professionalism of the Russians is problematical, but from the match against Kosice, it is obvious that there is a new confidence to perform well and should that performance be repeated, then Moscow is unlikely to register another 5-1 win.



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Dynamo sets a precedent

Moscow Dynamo in making their second tour of Australia soon after their last visit have created a precedent.

No other team has visited Australia twice.

This time they come as Cup champions and runners-up in the Soviet Union's first division championship, losing out by two points to CSKA the Soviet army team.

Moscow Dynamo officials promised to send their strongest team possible for this new tour and if the recent Soviet championships are any guide today could go down as one of the classics in W.A. soccer.

Dynamo are keen to again meet N.S.W., who fought out a 3-3 draw with them after beating that State 2-1 in a close first game. In fact, N.S.W. held a 3-1 lead until the final few minutes when physical superiority told on the Australians, allowing Genadi Evrujichkin to slam two perfect goals to equalise.

In the 1970 tour Dynamo was unbeaten, as was to be expected. They defeated W.A. 5-0 in the opening match of their tour and then went on to beat N.S.W. 2-1 and then draw a replay 3-3. They cruised effortlessly to a 6-0 over the A.C.T. and gave a similar performance against Northern N.S.W. to win 6-1. Then they thrashed Victoria 7-1. Finally they knocked off South Australia 3-1, the State side giving a good account of themselves.

The Moscow Dynamo history is a rich one for the soccer world, especially as the name Lev Yashin (nicknamed the Black Octopus) is a product of the club.

Defeat overseas is a rare commodity for Dynamo and in 1948 toured Britain without losing one of their ten matches. The match against Arsenal was a gem of intrigue and finished being played in a thick fog where it was almost impossible to see the halfway line from one end. At one time it was claimed that Moscow Dynamo had 12 men on the field. But despite the conditions the game was completed with Moscow Dynamo winning by the odd goal.

Like last year, the Dynamo tour will start in Perth, and like last year this has come about after a last-minute change in plans. W.A. was to have the last stop on the tour, so once again we have the slight advantage of playing against a team not yet acclimatised to Australian conditions. Moscow left a country snowed under in temperatures so low that most of us here find it hard to understand how one could live there. Last year, the Russians showed that even these setbacks do not affect their play.

The tourists arrive with 11 of the players that toured last year, including seven who took the field against W.A.

Lancashire plan

"Save Our Soccer" is a plan that has been proposed by ten struggling Lancashire clubs.

The plan, formulated by John Banks, chairman of Bolton Wanderers, received the support of his own club, Burnley, Preston North End, Blackpool, Oldham, Rochdale, Southport Stockport and Barrow.

The plan is as follows:

The league be split into three regions, North, Midlands and South, each with 36 clubs sub-divided into three divisions of 12.

A split season with two separate competitions, one played from August till Christmas, the other from January till April.

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The first competition clubs of each of the nine divisions would meet on a home and away basis ending at Christmas.

The second competition from January till April the top teams of the North, Midland and South region would play each other, forming a mini group of 12 teams playing on a national basis. The winner emerging in the present accepted way.

Extensive lobbying is now in progress to try and convince other clubs that this is the answer for the future of soccer. But from preliminary surveys, it would seem that this new radical idea has little chance of being accepted by the bulk of the clubs making up the football league.

Football league secretary Alan Hardaker said that he does not hold out much hope for the plan. "It has two chances no chance and a dog's chance", he said.

He said that the plan might solve Bolton's problem, but in his opinion, it would bring ruin to the structure of the football league.

The chief argument is that it would drastically cut travelling costs and, so the proponents say, increase attendances. But opponents, such as Leeds United Don Revie, say that his club would lose the tremendous gates attracted by Arsenal, Spurs, Chelsea and such clubs as his would be on the losing end.

The move would seem contrary to the tradition built on the overall league system. Who is to say that the team who performs only moderately in the first competition would not have revived to contest a place in that final four later on.

It is true that many clubs, in fact a majority of the clubs, are in financial straits in England, despite the vast popularity of the game. Crowds are big, but still it is difficult to make ends meet.

To suggest that players are overpaid would be incorrect. While the few big stars are undoubtedly making big money in the four figure number, the majority are hard-working professionals on a simple salary of maybe only \$100 - \$200 per week. Many are still well below this figure, especially in the lower divisions.

Maybe there are too many competitions swamping the public's appetite. Maybe the time of big sponsorship such as in golf is just around the corner as a saviour.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ERIC EDMONDS (5) (Tricolore) Defender. Age 23. One of W.A.'s most reliable defenders, cool under pressure and possessing fine ball control. Played in all Indonesian and Merdeka matches and appeared against Inter-Bratislava Moscow Dynamo, Manchester City and VSS Kosice, while he was a substitute against Australia.



OWEN NUTTRIDGE (1) (Azzurri) Goalkeeper. Age 20. A big man with exceptional reflexes that brought him Australian-wide attention for his superb game against Manchester City last year. Other matches in 1970 Hertha 03, FC Zurich, all Merdeka matches, except one, and VSS Kosice this year.



HUGH MILLER (4) Capt. (Tricolore) Defender. Age 26. A ruthless, no-nonsense defender who can be a direct devastating striker should the occasion demand. Played in all matches in Indonesia and the Merdeka last year. He was a reserve against Australia and a full member of the side against Manchester City and VSS Kosice.



ALAN PENDELTON (3) (Olympic) Defender. Age 24. Strong hard tackling defender who is playing his first State match in Perth. However he played in all matches in the Indonesian tour and all except one of the games in last year's Merdeka.

BRUNO MAROCCHI (2) (Azzurri) Defender-midfield. Age 20. Immaculate controller of the ball. He likes to overlap into attack to use his powerful shot. Played against Inter-Bratislava, Moscow Dynamo, Australia, substitute against Manchester City and played in all matches in last year's tour of Indonesia and the Merdeka tournament as well as playing against VSS Kosice this year.



DIETER GOLLI (7) (Cracovia) Midfield-striker. Age 28. A reserve against Inter-Bratislava, otherwise he will be making his State debut. One of Cracovia's Polish imports who is just starting to show his skill after getting used to W.A. conditions. He is fast and an excellent reader of the game. A handy goal scorer for his club.



TOMMY BARBER (6) (Tricolore) Midfield. Age 24. Having his first full State run after being a reserve against VSS Kosice. A fast, nippy player with determination plus and capable of becoming a dangerous striker.



DAVID O'CALLAGHAN (11) (Azzurri) Striker. Age 22. Hit the W.A. scene like a bomb-shell last year and quickly gained State honours, playing against Australia while still a second division player, Manchester City and all matches in Indonesia and the Merdeka tournament. A speedy winger with a deadly shot.



RAY ILOTT (10) (S. M. A. - Cottesloe) Striker. Age 23. Made his State debut against VSS Kosice last month and proved to be a star in the making. Fast, with a deceptive change of pace and has ability to score from half chances.



JOHN VAN OOSTEN (9) (Azzurri) Striker. Age 24. At such a young age he has become one of the veteran State Players going back to Chelsea in 1965 where he scored W.A.'s only goal. Last year played against Hertha 03, Moscow Dynamo, Australia and Manchester City. One of W.A.'s best strikers of all time, dangerous equally with his head or feet.



LEN DUNDO (8) (Kiev) Striker. Age 24. One of W.A.'s most consistent strikers in local competition. Always among the goals. Good with his head as well as his feet. After knocking on the door for State selection finally made the team last year where he played in all matches in Indonesia and the Merdeka. Selected against VSS Kosice last month.

RESERVES



ARCHIE VAN
DONGEN (12)
(Kiev) Midfield. Age 29.
Judged the best player in the Merdeka tournament where he played all except one match.
Also played against Hertha 03, Inter-Bratislava, Moscow Dynamo, Australia, a reserve against Manchester City and FC Zurich. Last month he was selected against VSS Kosice.



FRED WAY (14)
(Perth City) Midfield-
Striker. Age 28. The
oldest player in the
squad, he possesses fine
soccer sense. This is his
first selection. Clever
ball player and capable
of scoring goals when
least expected.



JAROSLAV KLIMAK
(Kiev) Goalkeeper. Age 23. A keeper with plenty of courage who has been reserve for the matches against Inter-Bratislava and VSS Kosice. Fast reflexes, but yet to be tried under fire in a big game.



JOHN DAVIDSON (13)
(S.M.A. - Cottesloe)
Striker. Age 18. A big
future is predicted for
this player who has
tenacity and dash and
made his State team
debut against VSS
Kosice.

MOSCOW DYNAMO

Moscow Dynamo is a team full of internationals, past and present.

And on this 1971 visit we are again to see some of the big names of Russian Soccer, though, unfortunately, Genadi Yevruchkin and Igor Echtrekow will not be with the tourists because they are with the national team in Mexico.

Last year Yevrishkin was the sensation of the Australian Tour and later in July provided the world with a star in the World Cup.

Once more with the side is Lev Yashin, whose name alone is enough to speak volumes for the zenith of a world-class player. He is now manager of the side, but he is likely to play in one or two matches on this tour, and we hope agianst W.A.

One of Russia's all time greats, Constantine Beskov, is with Moscow Dynamo again utilising his expertise as coach of the club.

Other players making their second visit to Australia and W.A. are goalkeeper Valeri BALASNIKOV, defenders Vladimir SHTAPOV, Victor ANICHKIN, Valeri ZIKOV, Vladimir DOLBONOSOV and forwards Juri AVRUSKY, Vladimir KOSLOV, Vladimir LARIN, and Juri SEMIN.

Anichkin is second only to the mighty Yashin in honours gained for his country and is regarded as the brains of the Dynamo side.

Beskov will choose his final eleven from the following players.

Ramic ABAYNOV — Victor ANICHKIN —
Nickolai ANTONEVICH — Juri AVRUSKY —
Anatoli BAYDACHNY — Valeri BALASNIKOV —
Vladimir DOLBONOSOV — Adamas GOLODETS —
Alexander GREBNEV — Vladimir KOSLOV —
Alexander KOSMYMIN — Anatoli KOZHEMIANKIN —
Vladimir LARIN — Alexander MAKHOVIKOV —
Vladimir PILGUY — Anatoli PISKUNOV — Iozhef SABO —
Juri SEMIN — Vladimir SHTAPOV —
Vladimir UTKIN — Vladimir VASALAEV —
Lev YASHIN — Yevgenity ZHUKOV — Valeri SIKOV.

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Vicenza d AS Roma
Sampdoria d AC Milan
Standings:
AC Milan
SSC Napoli
Inter-Milan
Juventus Torino
FC Bologna
US Cagliari
AS Roma
AC Torino
US Foggio
Sampdoria Genoa
Lanerossi Vicenza
Hell. Verona
AS Varese
AC Fiorentina
Lazio Roma
CC Catania

SPAIN

ZARAGOZA b Sabadell
GIJON b Sevilla
ATLETICO MADRID b Espanol
REAL MADRID b Barcelona
VALENCIA b Malaga
ATLETICO BILBAO b Elche
CELTA b Las Palmas
Sociedad d Granada
Standings:
Atletico Madrid
Valencia
Barcelona
Atletico Bilbao
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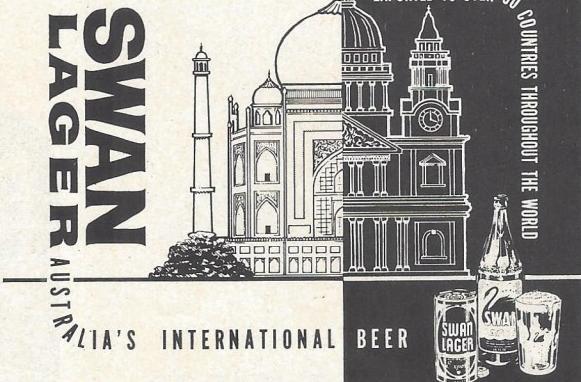
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Bielefeld b Mon'gladbach
Hertha b Schalke
Essen b Bayern München
Dortmund b Oberhausen
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9 Standings:

NEC b Haarlem
5-3 FC Twente b Volendam
1-0 Go Ahead b Utrecht
1-0 Dundalk
3-0 Standings:
3-1 PSV Eindhoven
0-0 Feijenoord Rotterdam
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ON TOP AGAIN

West German premiers Borussia Monchengladbach had a three-month break from the top of this year's competition, but a 3-0 win against Hamburger SV soon after the resumption of the second round of matches put them back in the number one spot. Bayern Munchen were held to a 3-3 draw by Hertha BSC Berlin in the same round and this dropped them into second spot.

VOGT ON SCORING SPREE

The Bundesliga's top-scorer, Kaiserslautern's striker Vogt is keeping his team out of the realm of relegation. Con-

The three top goal-scorers in the West German Western Region competition are being sought by a variety of clubs throughout Europe.

The three are Hans Walitza of VFL Bochum, Rainer Geye of Fortuna Dusseldorf and Gunther Propper of Wuppertaler SV.

Their clubs are the three top spots on the league ladder and they are not likely to listen to any overtures from bidding clubs because the strikers are needed in the quest for promotion to the Bundesliga — the national league. The offers coming from clubs are like an invasion.

The World Club champions Feijenoord Rotterdam and the Bundesliga clubs Borussia Dortmund, IFC Köln, Hertha BSC Berlin, Borussia Monchengladbach and VfB Stuttgart have made offers for Walitza, who has a contract with Bochum till 1973 (with a built-in option). Bochum says he is not for sale, not even for a million D-Marks.

The 29-year-old Propper has had similar offers, but Wuppertal were quick to get him to sign a contract to 1973 — for a hefty sum, of course.

Offers for Geye have come thick and fast. In fact, he says it is easier to count the clubs that have not made an offer. Though he is not under a lengthy contract with Dusseldorf, Geye is not in a hurry to move. If he does transfer, it will be to one of the Bundesliga clubs in the same region in which he now lives.

sider his record recently — two goals against Dortmund (2-0), two against Hertha (2-0), three against Oberhausen (4-1), four against Offenbach (4-0), two against Bielefeld (3-0) and one against Frankfurt (2-0). Tight marking is keeping Germany's Gerd Müller (Bayern Munchen) well down on the list of topscorers.

CONSECUTIVE ENCOUNTERS

There is a strong movement in the West German Bundesliga to re-arrange fixtures so that the two matches each team plays against other teams are

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THE REASONS

by F.T. Schaper

For some time now it has been obvious that I should perhaps come out into the open and defend myself and my actions in leaving Kiev and joining Stirling City. In doing so, I do not wish to isolate individuals and so the terms "Kiev" or "City" will refer collectively to those people who are or were responsible for conducting the affairs of the club.

My signing with Kiev was for a 12-months period and expired in October of 1970. My conditions of service were clearly set out in contract form and to my knowledge in the best interest of both parties. The developmental programme upon which I embarked was both long-term and short-term, i.e. short-term in achieving results and bettering the club's position in the league, long-term in preparing young players for senior service and building a team which would be capable of bringing eventual honours to the club.

In doing so, I expected to be with the Kiev Soccer

SCHAPER JOINS STIRLING CITY

"I want to kill once and for all the charge that we have grabbed Frank Schaper so that we can get a lot of young good talent into Stirling City," said the president of the club, Dave Clements, this week.

In the past few weeks, Mr Schaper has been the centre of a controversy as to his dismissal from Kiev. Kiev insist that there was no dismissal and that he walked out on his own accord when the club and he couldn't agree on a small sum.

"We suggested that Frank have two selector seats."

Club for some two to three years at the least. My concluding report lodged with the Secretary was, to say the least, hard-hitting and very much to the point. In my report I indicated that under no circumstances would I ever consider remotely any suggestion of a selection committee in my contract. I have always indicated that in the best interest of the team I serve and the players I coach, there can be only one "chief". This does not close my mind to sound advice or opinions, but I must surely have the right to have the final say in matters apertaining to team selection and discipline — a vote of confidence in my ability as coach.

I also came out strongly against exploitation of the club by players without being prepared to give a fair and honest return. I know I expect a great deal and that I drive a hard bargain, but this brings about dedicated players who want to play sound football and who honestly want to better themselves as sportsmen.

My discussions with the club about my contract came after the A.G.M. I was given a list of points drawn up by the club for my consideration. I must stress the fact that my previous contract had been agreed to by the previous committee and part of this contract was the much debated



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'sole selection' of the team. The conditions I was asked to consider contained a point dealing with a three-man selection committee, myself being one of them.

Kiev in a letter to the Sunday Times made some interesting points which require clarification on my part.

1. "The club's constitution required two selectors" — to which I must reply: why was I never given a copy of this constitution or made aware of it during the 1969 negotiations? This can hardly be called an oversight.

2. "Mr. Schaper's absence during a junior trip East" — again when I negotiated terms of contract on 1969, I pointed out the possibility of this and it was agreed that this could be arranged. For a full 12 months service, I attended up to four training sessions a week plus every Saturday game to which the club was committed. In order to serve my State, I missed two training sessions and one Sunday cup game. As far as cost was concerned — I agreed that because the club's finances could not be put at the disposal of employing an extra coach, it would be deducted from my coaching fee — it subsequently was. I also think it hardly fair to call Mr. Adshead a "stand-in coach" in the light of the fact that he is currently our State coach, very capable and knowledgeable — a man in whom I have absolute faith — and who I rate as one of the best coaches in W.A.

I still marvel at the fact that this point was raised at all because in discussing terms with Kiev and upon raising this matter, I was told that my trip East with the Under-16 State Side had no leaning on it being brought into this contract.

My resignation was forwarded to the Kiev Secretary in writing and clearly stated my reasons for not accepting terms as they were laid down.

Then, one may ask — why Stirling City? I can give a very simple answer — they showed in no uncertain terms that they were interested in my ability and offered terms in keeping with their thinking. I am sole selector and have complete control over each player in the club. I have a two-year contract, with an option of a further year. They have pledged their loyalty in every possible

way and, above all else, I have complete freedom in my coaching and handling of the team. "Stirling City" are without doubt a club of the future. They occupy a great area with tremendous potential for sport and particularly soccer. My methods and attitudes have gained the respect of youthful, dedicated players who accept the hard uncompromising conditions, the sweat and toil and the chance to play football as I think it should be played.

W.A. soccer, especially at senior level, is very much in a transitional stage and from this will emerge a much more mature and far more attractive game. We have in W.A. an abundance of young talent, well worth bringing on, but still we lose it because many clubs fail in their responsibility to bring these youngsters forward and blend them into senior football.

I contend that at 16 we should begin his preparation, at 18 he must be playing regular senior football and if he is worth his salt, by the time he is 20, the Australian selectors should be showing an interest in him. Of course, this cannot be so with every young player and we can adjust the scale to suit each individual.

With "City" I am free to bring about the success as I see fit — a blend of experience and youth and modern ideas for a modern game. I have no regrets at all and I honestly feel that the 1971 season could bring great things for Stirling City.

PERTH CITY

For the first time in about a decade, Perth City will field three senior teams this year — one to compete in the Sunday amateur competition. The club will also field two junior teams — again the first time for several years. The increase has come about because of the number wanting to play soccer. Rather than turn them away, Perth City decided to increase its playing strength.

The selection of Freddie Way, Derek Heatin and Phil Crimp to the State soccer squad has been the club's best result for many years — the last time was in the 1950's according to a club official.

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PROFILE: Fred Axon

Soccer in W.A. has grown considerably in the past few years, despite the many problems that keep cropping up, but then there is rarely growth without growing pains.

There have been stops and starts, a race towards one direction, only to check, retrace the steps and shoot off at another angle that presents a promising avenue of progress.

We have turned down some rocky roads, but on other occasions we have found a fruitful passage towards the betterment of the game.

So it was the case with the first full-time secretary employed last year. Bill Cregan was appointed our first secretary on a yearly salary. Unfortunately Bill didn't last long, resigning after three months. Whether Bill didn't see his future with soccer or found the change of employment so radical as to be incompatible with what he was used to, is now relatively unimportant.

That was soccer's first turn in this area and it was one that fell short of what was ideally required.

Now we have taken another turn and the W.A. Soccer Federation has selected a man steeped in the game with a full knowledge of W.A. soccer and an understanding of its history, its present state of flux. And, what's more important, he has a good idea of what will happen in the future and the problems he will face before he can call the job a success.

Fred Axon was born in Manchester where soccer is a way of life rather than a pastime. But for Fred, soccer was a school game. "I never reached any dizzy heights in my career," he said.

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Born on the 8th of December 1922, Fred went to school in Manchester, making his first big move to the Navy in 1939, where he stayed seven years. In most of that time he served in submarines and reached the rank of Petty Officer.

In 1953, he moved to Australia. He migrated to W.A., where publicity had said that bus drivers were urgently needed — a profession Fred had practised in England. However, when he arrived in Perth, he found that the jobs were actually in Melbourne.

At the time, he had an uncle in W.A. who had sponsored him, but had no connections in the East. So Fred started with what is now Plaistow's confectionery as a sales representative and gave them continuous service for 18 years.

For Fred Axon to throw away that investment in time and energy with one firm to take a precarious position with W.A. soccer, is truly dedication to the sport. The move certainly is precarious, because his term of employment is at the whim of the clubs affiliated with the W.A.S.F., who are known for their fickleness on many matters.

His job will be one of co-ordinating the various W.A.S.F. sub-committees, keeping registrations, processing transfer forms and all the other sundry activities that a secretary should shoulder. The position is a vital one to a growing sport such as soccer. We cannot afford the inefficiency of W.A.S.F. business being conducted from members' homes on an evening basis.

Fred obviously sees a future in soccer in this State, despite the upsets of the past few months and he is staking his livelihood on that future. He has had considerable administration experience with clubs since 1954, just after he arrived in W.A. He was with North Perth from 1954 to 1959. Then he was secretary of Caledonians for eight years, followed by two years as secretary/treasurer for the club.

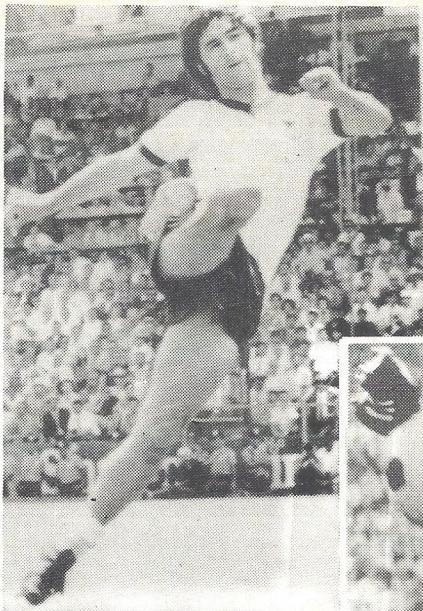
He has been a member of the council of the W.A.S.F. and the referees' allocations committee for the past two years.

The interest in soccer for the Axon family does not end there. His son Alan has taken a keen interest in the game. Alan was with Caledonians for eight years, with a break of one year playing with Kiev.

The voice you hear over the Velodrome loudspeakers at night matches and special matches is Alan's and he provides spectators with a valuable service, keeping everyone informed from who scores goals to changes of players.

— DAVID ANDREWS.

Müller Is Voted Europe's Best But Uwe Tops Germany's Poll



Germany's World Cup top-scorer Gerd Müller shows his style in Mexico.

Gerd Müller—European footballer of the year.

Uwe Seeler—West German player of the year.

That is the peculiar situation that exists in Europe.

Müller gained his votes mainly on his feat of scoring 10 goals in the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico, the second highest ever in a final series. Just Fontaine holds the record with 13 goals.

Leading soccer writers from 26 European countries were asked to vote in the poll held annually by the Parisian-based FRANCE FOOTBALL, which also donates a trophy in the form of a golden ball to the winner.

Strangely enough, Seeler was put ahead of Müller in the German poll. (See also page 22).



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European Player Of The Year

Writers taking part in France Football's player-of-the-year poll select five players in order of preference and award points from five to one in decreasing order. Muller was placed first in West Germany, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Eire, Portugal, Czechoslovakia and Russia.

The Greek, Hungarian, Rumanian and Yugoslav writers didn't even include Muller among their five choices, which is amazing when one considers that he also won the Golden Boot award for the most goals scored by a player in Europe during the year.

East Germany, Spain, England, Turkey, Switzerland and Norway went for Bobby Moore. Luigi Riva, the Cagliari star, was the choice in Austria, Rumania, Finland, Sweden and Poland.

The full honours list is:

Muller (Bayern Munchen) 77 points; Moore (West Ham) 69; Riva (Cagliari) 65; Beckenbauer (Bayern Munchen) 32; Overath (FC Kolin) 29; Djajic (Red Star Belgrade) 24; Cruyff (Ajax Amsterdam), Banks (Stoke City) and Mazzola (Inter Milan) 8; Israel (Feyenoord), Seeler (Hamburger SV), Rivera (AC Milan) and Chesternev (Torpedo Moscow) 7; Lee (Manchester City), Van Hangemen (Feyenoord), Domonghini (Cagliari) and Kindvall (Feyenoord) 4; Hurst (West Ham), Facchetti (Inter-Milan), Ball (Everton) and Cooper (Leeds United) 3; Eusebio (Benfica) and Skoblar (Marseilles) 2; Djorkaeff (Paris-St.Germain), Hasil (Feyenoord), Dumitrache (Dynamo Bucharest), Dinu (Dynamo Bucharest), Rexach (Barcelona) and Kreische (Dynamo Dresden) 1;

There is similar thinking among these votes as can be seen by the fact that the first three players are grouped well in front of the rest of the field.

FRANCE FOOTBALL also issues a list of the best European teams and gives a ranking to countries. These are based on their performances throughout the year.

Italy was easily ranked number one after having played 11 matches, losing only one—to the World Cup champions Brazil in the final of the World Cup. They beat Portugal, Sweden, Mexico, West Germany, Austria, Eire, and drew with Spain, Uruguay, Israel and Switzerland.

This is the first time that Italy has topped the poll since European rankings were instituted by the magazine.

West Germany's international performances gave them second place.

While the USSR had a better record, losing only to Uruguay in the semi-final of the World Cup, their performance was not against the tough opposition faced by England, who lost to Brazil and West Germany, these two sides tied for third place.

On this basis some teams lost more than others, but they gained higher rankings because of the consistent high standard of the opposition.

The rankings are: 1 Italy, 2 West Germany, 3 England and USSR, 5 Sweden, 6 Spain, 7 East Germany, 8 Scotland, Hungary, France and Yugoslavia, 12 Holland, Rumania and Switzerland, 15 Wales and Poland, 17 Czechoslovakia, 18 Bulgaria, 19 Austria and Belgium, 21 Norway, 22 Denmark, 23 Finalnd, 24 Eire, 25 Greece and Malta, 27 Luxemburg, 28 Northern Ireland, Albania, Cyprus, Iceland, Portugal and Turkey were not ranked because of insufficient international appearances.

One wonders where Australia might fit into this group if they were in the European division. They beat Greece convincingly, as they did in Iran, but lost to a league of Ireland side that was far from full strength. Then they performed well against Mexico, the best opposition on their 15-match world tour.

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MACCABI

Maccabi is out to prove that a proposal to have the club kicked out of the W.A. Soccer Federation was unjustified. Already plans have been put into action to ensure that they do not finish near the bottom of the premiership table in the 14-team second division.

Last year, the club got into trouble because of a policy to allow only Jewish players into the team. They found that they could not field the required league and reserves team, and eventually had to drop out of the reserve competition — a predicament that led the W.A.S.F. council to recommend that Maccabi be not affiliated in 1971.

However, this policy has been reversed and all players are being welcomed. This ensures that Maccabi will have no trouble fielding two senior teams.

Two appointments that are aimed at restoring the club to its former strong position in W.A. soccer, have been announced by the club president, Mr D. Silver.

Mr Stanley Hall, a live-wire administrator and former professional player with the English side Millwall, has been appointed secretary-manager. Anyone interested in having a run with the club is asked to get in touch with Mr Hall (Address: 5 Hendon Way, East Hammersley; phone: 49-7417).

Dermot Buckley will coach the senior team this year. Many fans will remember that the 24-year-old played with Cottesloe and Olympic a couple of years back. Moving to Sydney, he trained with the first division side Auburn. However, a leg operation forced him out of the game and he decided to take up coaching. He now holds a Senior Australian Coaching Badge, which, added to his youth and enthusiasm, should give Maccabi the shot in the arm it needs.



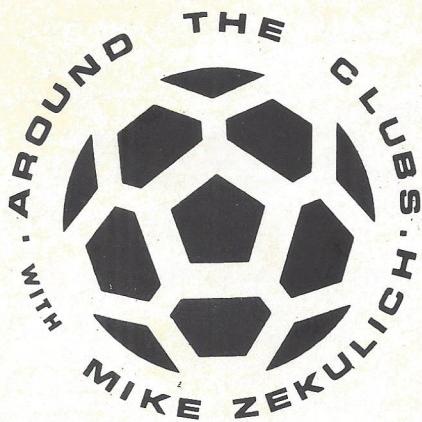
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GOSNELLS

Gosnells are confident they will do well this season. Michael Brooks, formerly of Tuart Hill, has been appointed coach. Training has started at Canning Vale Oval.

Club skipper Bob Tobin and Ronnie Foster have returned to the U.K., but several new players have signed on. These include Peter Adams, of Queens Park, and George Hall and Alan Anderson from Tuart Hill.

The club will enter Under-10 and Under-12 junior teams this year. Fathers are invited to send their youngsters along. They can get in touch with club secretary Ted Gray on 69-2598.

The Gosnells Shire Council has been asked to make improvements to the club ground at Nicholson-road.

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S.M.A.—COTTESLOE

S.M.A.—Cottesloe's aim is to be second to none in '71.

Ron Hodnett, acting chairman of the club in the brief absence of Tom Whitby, said prospects looked good when the amalgamation of the two sides took place last year. Today, they were brighter than their wildest dreams.

Throughout the summer, players have kept fit with regular light training, gym work and tennis, till serious work began in January. Usually, the end of a season sees several players from the club being lured to others for financial gain, but it was not so this year, despite overtures to several players.

There is plenty of spirit and confidence between players and coach Val McKenzie, who has been given 100 per cent control of the team for selection, coaching and training. There is to be no interference in his programme, even from the State selectors—the club comes first. It has advised that State players Ray Iott and Johnny Davidson will not be available on club training nights. S.M.A.—Cottesloe believes State training should be held on nights other than normal club training.

The club has given \$100 each to these two players in recognition of their State selection. Others making the State team will receive the same.

The club will be strengthened with several new faces this year. Among those expected to play an important role are Sam Cairnduff, a former Northern Ireland first division player, Bill Phimister, Tommy McGovern and Barry Fenn, all from the U.K.

MACEDONIA UNITED

A new side on the W.A.S.F. this year is one representing the Macedonia United Sports Club. It is backed by the Macedonian community in W.A. and will have four junior teams, a senior and a reserves side.

The club also has two netball teams in the night competition and plans four teams in the winter matches. The teams in the night series are doing very well with good premiership prospects.

Nick Ivanoff, a former State player, has been appointed soccer coach. The committee had a number of coaches to choose from, but decided on Ivanoff as the man to achieve the club aim of making the top four in the second division.

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CRACOVIA

Cracovia has sent an Under-16 team to Melbourn to compete at the annual carnival run by the Council Of Polish Sports Clubs. It is the first time Cracovia has competed.

The club is meeting all expenses, including air fares, apart from \$15 the boys have been asked to contribute.

Paul Sobek is coaching the team, which is also being accompanied by club secretary Frank Cwetsch.

Steve McCartney (15) who has made his debut in the senior team during the night series, and Wally Magas (also 15) who played with the senior team late last year for the first time, will be key players in the Under-16 team's quest for success. McCartney is a defender and Magas is a forward.

ROCKINGHAM UNITED

The news that Rockingham United is to be included in the W.A. Soccer Federation competition this year has brought great joy to the town. Enthusiasm for a successful year is running high.

The club plans to field six junior and eight senior teams — an impressive first-up performance. Maurie Couperthwaite, a former West Bromwich-Albion reserves goalkeeper, has been appointed club coach with Dave Clark as his assistant. Dave is

a fully qualified F.A. coach. He did the coaching course with Northampton Towns under Dave Bowen, an English F.A. coach.

United has a very active social committee, which augers well for a good all-round season. A function is planned every fortnight.

UNIVERSITY

University has started training at Riley Oval. The club has problems this season and are without Alan Jefferson (back in England), Neil Davidson (transferred), and goalkeeper Desmond David, who is not expected to be available. The club hopes to get several new recruits in orientation week, when new students begin their studies.

SOUTH PERTH UNITED.

The Manning club, which had the players but not the ground facilities it wanted, and South Perth, which had these facilities but not the players, have amalgamated to form the South Perth United club. The Secretary is Erik Van Garderen, a former Manning member, while David Connely, has been made club president. He is a former president of the Manning club.

The club's coach is Micheal Sayers, a recent arrival from the U.K. It is aiming to field four teams, two in the

W.A.S.F. who will play at Richardson Park and two in the Sunday competition who will play at Mannings' former ground, Challanger-avenue, to retain interest in this area.

FREMANTLE DALMATINACS

Fremantle Dalmatinacs expect to have one of their fittest teams on record to start the new season. Coach Peter Dimopoulos has had the team hard at work with a stepped-up pre-season programme. The club is aiming high this year — first or second in the second division — following the fine efforts last season. Several new players have thrown in their lot with Dalmatinacs and others are expected. The newcomers include Peter Rogan from Medina; Tom O'Neil, Cockburn; Dave Thomson, Cockburn; Alec Watson, Perth City; and possibly Glen James from Kiev.

However, the club urgently needs a goalkeeper. This is seen as vital if the club is to achieve its ambitions in 1971. The right man is guaranteed top financial incentives by a club supporter.

Thanks to a hard-working executive, this club has had wonderful success off the field with a variety of social functions. One of the first this year in a list of some 26 events was a get-together barbecue at the beach, when six lambs were roasted on spits. More than 100 gallons of the amber fluid were consumed in a great day for players, administrators and supporters.

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AZZURRI

Azzurri's new secretary is company secretary, Stellario Perroni. This is his first time in office as a soccer administrator in W.A., though he has been a keen follower of the Azzurri club since arriving in the State 10 years ago.

Mr Perroni has not played soccer in W.A., but he played juniors with the Stelli club in Messina, Sicily.

Mr Perroni believes the club has a good committee this year, with several new faces. There is little doubt the club will again be a major force in the W.A. competition.

COCKBURN UNITED

The Cockburn United Soccer Club will be holding an eight-club soccer carnival on March 14, 20 and 21, to mark the centenary of the district and the local shire becoming a town.

The carnival will be run on a knockout basis and the Cockburn Council will donate trophies.

According to spokesman Alan Beale, Cockburn United is the oldest sporting club in the district, being founded in 1929. The club hopes to see all their old players and supporters attending on this historic occasion.

A lot of work has gone into the club ground so there will be a good playing surface for 1971. Training has started at Watson Reserve, Spearwood. The club will not use its headquarters, Fruitgrowers Reserve, till early March.

Attendances at training so early in the season have been very good and the club is looking forward to a good season in 1971.

KWINANA UNITED

Kwinana United sends best wishes for a speedy recovery to John Kane, recuperating in hospital following a heart attack at training. John has been an enthusiastic and reliable player in the district, representing Medina — the former name of the club — in every position, except goalkeeper. He is expected to be in hospital 4-5 weeks. His career as a player may be over. SOCCER SCENE also wishes John good luck.

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QUEENS PARK

Queens Park want to wish Len Alderson well with Windmills this season. The club, which has started training, expects to field a team similar in strength to that of last year. Several new faces have appeared on the track. Roy Whelen, a former first division player with several clubs in W.A., has been appointed coach this season. His assistant is Darryl O'Reilly.

SWAN ATHLETIC

The re-organisation of W.A. soccer has been a stroke of good fortune for Swan Athletic who, for years, was one of the powers of the local game. The new first division of 12 sees the Swan club back in the top league, something it has not been able to achieve since relegation to second division. The club hopes this change of luck may see interest in soccer in the district re-vitalised.

Basically, it will field the same team this season including, it hopes, State player Colin Love. Athletic will field four junior teams, who will be managed by Jim Ward and John Godfrey, formerly with Midland Inter. Most of the Inter juniors are expected to play with these teams.

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CALEDONIANS

Caledonians has had its most successful recruiting season. So far, thirteen new players have signed to play with the club. Another player of promising ability is expected from England in mid-July.

The club, which spent \$1,032 on juniors last year, hopes to retain the services of its top players. However, there is some doubt about Neil Mearns. Though there were strong rumours last week about this player going to another club, no transfer application had been received.

The club is starting a membership drive. For a \$5 fee, supporters are entitled to a club badge and membership folder. They will be entitled to free entry into 12 matches and given first choice for social activities. These functions have been heavily in demand.

BAYSWATER UNITED

This season will see another Love in W.A. soccer. He is promising youngster, David Love — no relation to Swan Athletic and W.A. star, Colin Love. David, who is 16, has signed with Bayswater. He played first division soccer in South Australia last year after his arrival from England.

Another recent English arrival with the club is Stuart Richards, a utility player. Strong and stocky, he has already shown promise. Negotiations with several other players are still under way.

Apart from Frank LeMacchia in national service, the club will be at full strength for its biggest year — in first division soccer for the first time.

To meet the challenge, administrators are more organised than ever before, according to secretary Brian Kukura. He said the club committee was bigger, better and stronger than it had ever been.

Club stars Mike Hallam and Mike McKinley, recently married, are now in full training. Both seem set for good seasons.

Calogero (Cal) Librizzi, who has played first division with Azzurri, has joined Bayswater.

The club is looking for a trainer. Anybody interested can get in touch with Brian Kukera on 21-8621.

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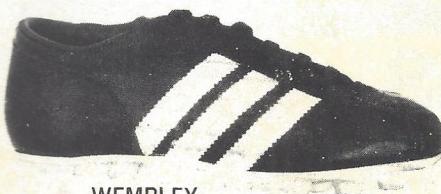
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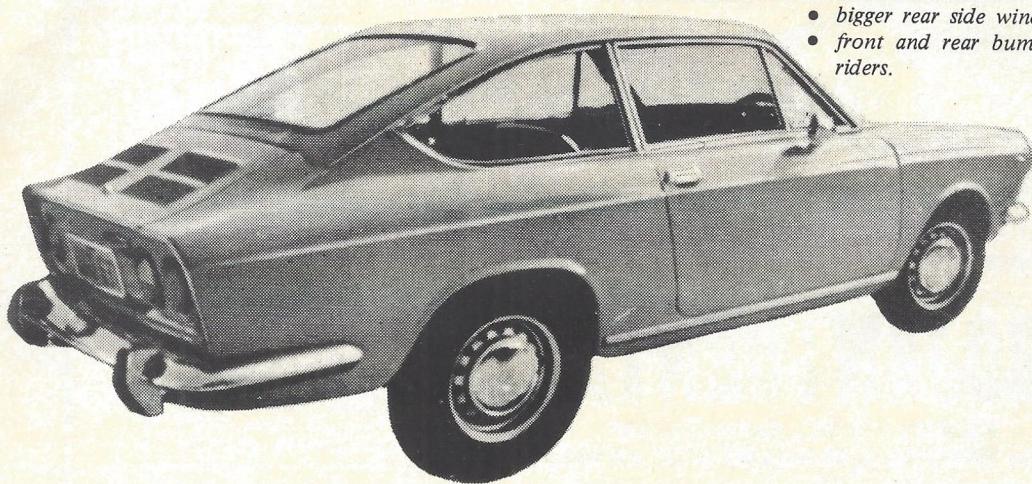
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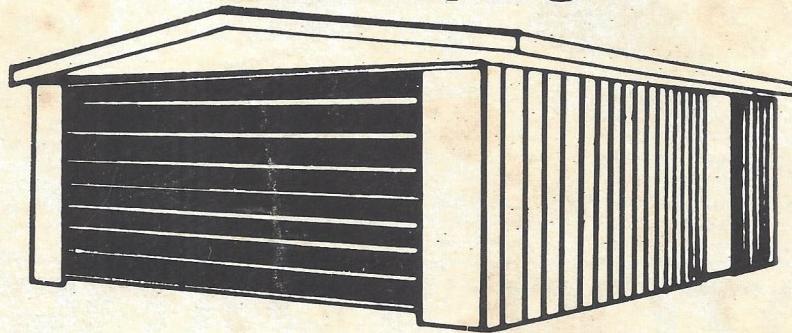


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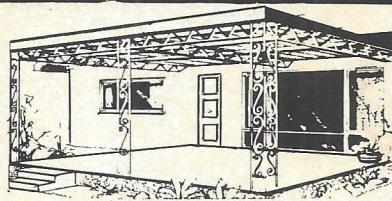
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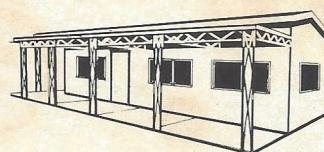
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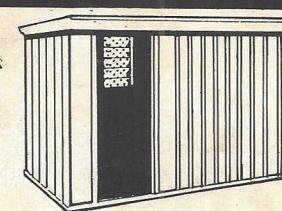
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